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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A content-exhibition control apparatus for exhibiting a content in another apparatus, comprising:  
generating means for generating degree-of-exposure control data used to control the degree of exposure of the content;  
exhibition control means for controlling the exhibition of the content recorded in the another apparatus, according to the degree-of-exposure control data generated by the generating means;  
obtaining means for obtaining the state data of the content sent from the another apparatus,  
wherein the generating means generates the degree-of-exposure control data according to the state data of the content, obtained by the obtaining means; and  
storing means for storing user information which includes user preferences with the state data of the content collected from a hard-disk recorder in a customer database; and  
feedback means for feeding back said degree of exposure of the content and statistical data calculated from contents of the customer database.

2. (Original) A content-exhibition control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the degree-of-exposure control data includes a content ID, an exposure

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type, and an exposure value; and

the state data of the content includes a viewing condition and a degree-of-exposure condition.

3. (Currently Amended) A content-exhibition control method for a content-exhibition control apparatus for exhibiting a content in another apparatus, comprising:

a generating step of generating degree-of-exposure control data used to control the degree of exposure of the content;

an exhibition control step of controlling the exhibition of the content recorded in the another apparatus, according to the degree-of-exposure control data generated in the generating step;

an obtaining step of obtaining the state data of the content sent from the another apparatus,

wherein the degree-of-exposure control data is generated in the generating step according to the state data of the content, obtained in the obtaining step; and

a storing step for storing uscr information which includes user preferences with the state data of the content collected from a hard-disk recorder in a customer database; and

a feedback step for feeding back said degree of exposure of the content and statistical data calculated from contents of the customer database.